

Techmen Talk

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Question: Should college students delay getting married until after graduation?

Henry F. Voss, Senior ME:

"Couples who marry before the husband has finished school should in my opinion be capable of independence. If they are not able to live away from the parents without considerable strain on their income I think they should wait.

"Friction arising from living at home can cause considerable mental disturbance and be very detrimental to the person who is at the same time trying to acquire an education. In short, if the persons involved cannot live in a normal manner after marriage, they should wait until after graduation."

Ben Auron, Senior BE:

"Maintaining a good college average is enough of a job for a fellow without taking on the responsibilities of a wife.

This is not an absolute truth in that a very few cases a wife can aid her husband in his search for knowledge. Such a woman is a rarity. Enough of my friends have proven to me, via their wails in the cafe, that marriage and college do not mix."

R. R. Wittmann, Senior ME:

"If the financial status of the couple is such that they can be independent of the parents after marriage there should be no reason for delaying. There are so many other factors that enter in that each would have to be examined as a separate example. I see no reason why getting married

would hinder the ability to prepare homework providing the couple agreed that the education was essential to a successful business and family life. Due to conditions today it seems essential that the wife contribute to the support of the family until such time as the husband can become financially independent."

C. G. Bergstrom, Graduate Student in Chemistry:

"Assuming the wife realizes the life she must lead and the venture is financially possible, marriage would be a desirable step. A survey conducted by the University of Wisconsin showed that the undergraduate student group with the highest grade point average was the married veteran

with children. The increased responsibility and time saved from going on dates would give more time to study. A married person speaking from experience could give a more qualified answer, but I believe sufficiently in it to try it—if I could find a place to live!"

Large Summer Enrollment

A record enrollment of 2,345 students attended classes this summer at Illinois Tech, topping the largest previous summer enrollment.

There were 1,448 undergraduates in the day school and 79 doing graduate work. The remaining 823 were enrolled in the evening division.

Howie Baum Combines Journalism With Studies

Although Howie Baum, 8th term CE, has never been classified as the super-aggressive type, his friends realize that he is no temporizer. His opinions, come by after long and thoughtful study, are, they say, generally sound and logical. For example,

and disregarding chill winds from Paris and New York, he focuses a stern eye upon the loudly heralded longskirts. They look good in the magazine ads," he says, "but so do Cadillacs. American women will work for the clothing manufacturers during the next year."

In spite of the fact that he feels science has advanced out of all proportion to social thinking, and that liberal education is sorely needed in the world, Howie entered IIT immediately after his graduation from Harper high school in March, 1944. He followed his journalistic bent here, and worked up from reporter to editor of *Technology News*. He is president of Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalism fraternity, and chairman of the Student Publication board. He is also a member of Chi Epsilon, ASCE, Alpha Phi Omega, and president of Triangle social fraternity.

Howie engages actively in intramural and interfraternity sports,

and feels that more attention should be given to the IIT athletic program. "I am not of the 'we-have-to-beat-Notre-Dame' school of thought," he says, "but I would like to see IIT get into a college conference of schools our size. If our school makes the rapid strides promised, we can move into a larger conference. There is no reason, though, for us to stand still or regress athletically."

His outside activities do not prevent Howie from maintaining a 2.0 grade average. He received the outstanding sophomore civil engineering student award, and his name appears in "Who's Who Among Students in U. S. Colleges and Universities."

Howie is attached to the outdoor life, and following a period this summer during which he was employed by the Illinois State Highway department, took a Canadian canoe trip. Foreign shores now beckon strongly to him; after his graduation next January, he hopes to start his career with a U. S. engineering firm that does work in South America with the hope of becoming a representative there.



Editorial features in any collegiate newspaper have a heavy responsibility to you who read them. On one hand they have to try to make the paper something more than a mere bulletin of school functions and athletic dates. Also, to a large extent, they

are responsible for the individual student's pride in his school and in himself, since they promote a mature school spirit and interest.

In terms of these responsibilities, then, it's pretty obvious that the OBSERVER owes you something for the myopic risk you'll run this next year. What we owe you has to be our editorial policy.

If the reader of *Technology News* wants smooth, perfect newspaper know-how he can find it much more quickly and surely in any daily paper. But in the ordinary metropolitan paper, issues that are important to us as a group might not be discussed, and if at all, not from the angle that would be of the greatest importance to us as college students.

Realizing, then, how our dailies fail us, we in the OBSERVER will first choose the local or national issue that is important and interesting to most of us. We will then irritate or stimulate you by looking

at the issue from our minority standpoint. From, if you will, the technical collegiate standpoint.

Finally, after each publication, both halves of the column will, as all writers do, kneel and petition the gods of journalism that our scratchings shall not be ignored.

Tom Marchwick

There is an old Greek saying, "Know thy lot, know thy friends, know thyself." In line with this, the "Observer" will discuss those topics which we consider of interest to college students and are of importance to one's relationship with the outside world.

The subject will be varied, the opinions our own. If you do not agree with them, compose a reply to *Technology News*. Discussion is a part of the "Observer's" policy, and other views will be published. We believe that all of us should not think alike, but all alike should think.

Lou Fisher.

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